

Roy C. Mielke, 84

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Roy C. Mielke, 84, Groton, died at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center Monday, March 9. The funeral was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, Thursday, March 12. The Rev. John Werner officiated and burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

He was born on August 31, 1907 to Charlie and Ameilia (Klipstein) Mielke in Ferney. At about the age of two his family moved to Groton where he attended school. He married Louise Keup at Huron June 6, 1936. He worked for the city of Groton as Street Superintendent and was in charge of the Sewer Department for 35 years. He



was also a member of the Groton Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years and served as fire chief from 1934 to 1972. He was instrumental in keeping the old fire engine after the new one was purchased. He retired in 1972 and after his retirement he operated a road grader for Louis Krueger. He had lived in Groton since 1909. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He had resided at the Colonial Manor since December of 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Mielke, Groton; one daughter, Mrs. Burton (Pamela) Flagtwet, Aberdeen; one daughter-in-law, JoAnn Mielke, Aberdeen; two brothers, Harvey Mielke, Groton, and Clarence Mielke, Rapid City; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Raap, Groton; and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Lambert Mielke in 1985; one brother and two daughters.

Honorary pall bearers were his grandchildren: Lon Flagtwet, Lincoln, Neb.; Kent Flagtwet, Fargo; Michael, Dan, and Chad Mielke, all of Aberdeen; Kim Sauvage, Aberdeen and Karla Chase, Redfield.

Active casketbearers were Bill Jensen, Aberdeen; Eddie Nehls, Edward Stauch, Tom Wood, Charles Raap, all of Groton; and Richard Rossow, Stratford.

Organist was Mrs. Eugene Neuman. Ushers were Orville Schaller and Rob Schuelke.